





**LAMBERT BROS.**AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS  
AND SURVEYORS.**Public Auctions.**THE Underlying have received various  
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on

**WEDNESDAY, June 27, 1923.**

commencing at 11.15 p.m.

A Valuable Collection of

Postage Stamps

(Full Particulars from Catalogue)

On View from Monday the 25th

June 1923.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

**LAMBERT BROS.**

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, June 26, 1923.

on

**THURSDAY, June 28, 1923.**

commencing at 11 a.m.

at No. 4 Carnarvon Villas, Kowloon

A Quantity of

Valuable Household Furniture,

Comprising:—

Drawing Room Suite, Dining Room

Suite and Bed Room Suite etc., etc.

(Particulars from Catalogue)

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On View from Wednesday the 27th

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Auctioneers.

Hongkong, June 26, 1923.

on

**THURSDAY, June 28, 1923.**

commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at No. 50A Nathan Road, Kowloon

A Quantity of

Valuable Household Furniture,

Comprising:—

Teak bed room with bevelled mirror,

Chesterfield Couch and armchairs, Teak

sideboard with bevelled mirror, Teak

dining table and chairs, Teak twin

bedsteads with spring mattresses, Teak

double and single wardrobes with glass

doors, Dressing table and wash stands,

Teak chest of drawers &amp; too chest etc.,

etc.

Revolving table fan, electric lamps

and silk shades, silver and B. P. ware

etc., etc.

Several pieces of carved blackwood

ware.

Also

One Gramophone

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The Business of the Motor Cycle

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20-cent (twenty cent) coins or 200,000

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Terms:—20 per cent of purchase

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Hongkong, June 12, 1923.

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**ODDS AND ENDS.****MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.****The Golden Thread.**

The biggest novelty in stockings this season are those which show a stripe of gold metallic thread, running lengthwise (the *Daily News* tells us). This golden stripe appears on brown and black silk stockings, as well as on the beige and henna ones that are so popular. Even white hose will boast the golden thread for evening wear, and when gold plays a part in the embroidery on the frock the effect is very good.

**Antrim Castle Fire.**

The Recorder of Belfast delivered his considered judgment in the claim of Viscount Massereene and Ferrard and others for £90,000 compensation for the destruction by fire of Antrim Castle and its contents on Sunday morning, October 28 last. Amongst the priceless heirlooms destroyed, was the Speaker's chair used in Grattan's last Parliament. His honour said it was not established to his satisfaction that the fire was malicious, and he dismissed the claim.

**The Moss Cat.**

"Moss," the cat which won fame during the war, has just died at its home at Forfar, Scotland, says the *Daily Mail*. Found in an old farmhouse near St. Quentin by Private Patrick Bradley, of the Scottish Rifles, during the retreat from Mons in 1914, the cat went through 10 engagements. Later the cat was sold at many Red Cross gift sales, raising more than £3,000. It was finally purchased by Mr. William Lamond, a cattle dealer, of Forfar.

**Parsons' Wives.**

At a meeting of the London Diocesan Mothers' Union at the Church House, Westminster, according to the *Daily Mail*, Mrs. Causton complained that the average age of the "young mother" at the meetings was between 60 and 70. She suggested that the meetings should be managed, whenever possible, by a layman's wife, as most people thought that a parson's wife was dead, dull, stupid, and difficult to get on with. One of the audience suggested that speakers should be younger and more attractive in manner and dress.

**Youngest Grandmother.**

The title of the world's youngest grandmother is claimed by Mrs. Archibald Moyes, wife of a tube worker, of 39, Kippin-street, Airdrie, Lanarkshire, says *Reynolds Newspaper*. She was married on March 3, 1905, at the age of sixteen years and three months. Her daughter was married before she was sixteen, and was only sixteen years and two months old when the first grandchild, a fine sturdy boy, was born. Mrs. Moyes thus became a grandmother at 32 years of age. The previous record was held by Mrs. Lillian Weitebach, of Cincinnati, who was 36 when her first grandchild was born.

**Many-Sided Men.**

Sir Edwin Airey, at the annual conference of the United Kingdom Travellers' Association, at Leeds described the qualifications of every good "man on the road."

He must be:—

An ardent Liberal in the morning,

a Labour man in the afternoon,

and a true Tory in the evening.

A thorough billiards and golf

player, and able to lose a game to

the worst player.

Able to wallow in all kinds of

drinks.

A good actor.

A special resolution was passed

changing the name of the association

to the United Commercial

Travellers' Association of Great

Britain and Ireland.

**Jays of Obesity.**

An amusing discussion has been aroused in the Paris Press by a book of very different character from "La Garconne." As already awarded to M. Henri Béraud for his two books, "Le Vif et le Mort" and "Le Martyre d'Obèse." The sufferings of a fat man are put to original account in the latter novel, in which the "eternal triangle figures in the person of a jealous husband, his charming wife, and their fat, male companion, the scene being partly laid in London. The book is dedicated to Marshal Joffre and other famous public men, some of whom have been interviewed on the penalties attaching their varying degrees of adiposity—which by no means dismays them. One, at least, M. Paul Lombard, editor-in-chief of *L'Homme Libre*, has the hardihood to attribute his happiness to his corpulence. Another, M. Herriot, the former Minister who is now Deputy of the Rhone and the River Lyons, joyously replied to the inquiry whether it worried him to be bulky: "Why should it? I am happy to be stout." In our calling it is indispensable. In politics roundness is a dominating quality. To triumph one must have weight. Have you seen me on the tribune when the storm breaks and questions are hurled from all sides? I wait patiently, my hand on my stomach, until there is silence. Then I reply to a soothing assembly.

**Grave 2500 Years Old.**

It has been established that the Pictish stone grave recently discovered at Pilsford, near Elgin, is about 2500 years old. In further investigations additional graves have been discovered. They are cylindrical, barrel-shaped, and triangular, the last-named being beautifully polished. The discovery is regarded by antiquarians as most important, and it is intended to explore the field thoroughly after harvest.

**Ancient Mystery.**

A question which has been raised incidentally in connection with the Luxor excavations, as to how the chambers and subterranean passages, whose elaborate hieroglyphics must have necessitated unusually clear artificial light, were provided with this necessary illumination, gives those desirous of speculating upon an interesting problem an exceptionally fine opportunity, says the *Christian Science Monitor*. Authorities say that a pure, powerful light, as bright as electricity, must have been called into use when the deep zigzag rocky chambers were ornamented with their miles and miles of wonderful mural decorative work. But those mathematical accuracy and marvellously coloured lines and figures supply no clue as to its source and remain a silent mystery. They furnish a problem concerning the solution of which practically nothing is known.

**Curious "Revolution."**

The special correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune* wires from Rome: The Republic of San Marino, the smallest and the oldest in the world, has joined the onward march of Fascism. A complete Fascist Government, consisting of three Commissioners, elected annually, has been installed with great pomp in the presence of the Fascist Deputy Botta, representing Signor Mussolini. San Marino, who is remembered, was one of the Allies during the World War. She declared war against the Germans shortly after Italy's entrance, and sent half of her standing army, consisting of a dozen men, to fight with the Italians. With an area of thirty-eight square miles and a frontier line with Italy of twenty-four miles, San Marino has a population of about 12,000. Hitherto it has been governed by a popularly elected Great Council of sixty members, two of whom are elected every six months to act as Captain Regent. The language and character of the people are entirely Italian. The little Republic has had an independent existence for at least 1,000 years.

**Breadalbane's Countess.**

The Breadalbane Earldom has been in the news-eye owing to the publicity given to what is called the "secret marriage" of the late Earl. As a matter of fact, I don't think the word "secret" should be applied, says a *Glasgow Herald* writer, as the marriage was announced in several newspapers at the time, although it appears to have escaped the eyes of the sleuths who compile the sacred rolls of the aristocracy. This Marquisate—first, by the way, died with its first holder in October last—was quite modern, in that it was only created, in 1885, but it conceals some very ancient titles. Baronets of Nova Scotia since 1625, the heads of this branch of the Campbell family became successively Earls of Breadalbane and Holland, Viscount Tay, and Lord Glenorchy. The late Marquis was holder of the Privy Seal of Scotland, and a close friend of Queen Victoria, who put great faith in his judgment. The Breadalbane Marquisate is said to have been directly suggested by the late Queen, who was always very partial to Scottish nobility.

**Tut-ankh Amen A Dwarf?**

Was Tut-ankh Amen a dwarf? is the question raised by Mr. Arthur Weigall in the *Empire Review*. Mr. Weigall, late Inspector-General of Antiquities under the Egyptian Government, acted as special correspondent of *The Daily Mail* at Luxor during the recent discoveries by the late Lord Carnarvon and Mr. Carter. "It is said in the Talmud," he writes, that when the Pharaoh from whom Moses had

**SHADOWS BEFORE.**Coming Events Advertised  
In The Mail.**ENTERTAINMENT.**

June 26.—Coronet Theatre; Mr. and Mrs. Carter de Haven in "Twin Beds."

June 26.—World Theatre; Gladys Walton in "The Lavender Bath Lady."

June 26.—Star Theatre; "No Woman Knows."

**PUBLIC AUCTIONS.**

June 27.—Lammet Bros., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street, a valuable collection of postage stamps, at 5.15 p.m.

June 28.—Lammet Bros., at No. 4, Carnarvon Villas, Kowloon, a quantity of valuable household furniture, at 11 a.m.

June 28.—Lammet Bros., at No. 56A, Nathan Road, Kowloon, a quantity of valuable household furniture, at 2.45 p.m.

July 3.—Lammet Bros., at No. 40, Coronation Road, the business of the Motor Cycle Exchange as a going concern, including all stock, spares, stores, &c., at 3 p.m.

**COMPANY MEETINGS.**

June 30.—Hongkong Realty and Trust Coy. Ltd., Statutory meeting, Powell's Building, noon.

June 30.—Meeting of creditors of the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, noon.

**SPORTS MEETING.**

July 7.—Extra Gymkhana of the Hongkong-Jockey Club at Happy Valley, entries close June 28.

fled into Midian died he left two sons and three daughters, and that the son who succeeded him was a dwarf. Now Akhnaton, when he died, left two sons-in-law and apart from their wives, three little daughters, one other daughter having died and another having gone to Babylon. Was Tut-ankh Amen, then, a dwarf? We must leave the answer until his body is examined, but it is interesting to recall the fact that in his tomb were found a very small glove and some very small stools, while his status in the Cairo Museum is only about 5 ft. in height. Moreover, the word "Tut" means a figure, or statuette, or puppet, which is the sort of name a man of small stature











## COMMERCIAL.

## HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT.

## SUGAR PRICES DROP.

Prices are receding rapidly in the local sugar market. This is particularly so in the grade known as Java No. 24 Rough White, as there are considerable stocks in the Colony and new crop sugar is coming in. Of course, the Hongkong sugar market is only a very small factor when considering world conditions and the drop is not entirely attributable to there being too much old cargo in Hongkong. As against over \$13.00 per picul a few days ago, business was done by the large importers at \$12.82 to-day, while speculators who have lots on hand accepted as low as \$12.10. There was not much business except for a number of small sales at varying prices. The other grade of Java white known as No. 24 Soft, however, is firm at \$13.45 nominal. Hardly anything changed hands in the grade used by the local refineries, i.e., No. 18 Hong Brown, and to-day's nominal quotation is still \$13.00.

The flour market is dull but prices remain steady. Deliveries have been fair to good on account of shipments to the interior but none of these were large.

A further improvement of about 4 cents per picul has been recorded in the rice market.

Elsewhere in these columns is mentioned the rumour that trouble has again broken out on the West River. If this should be correct, the better time which prevailed during the week-end will soon disappear, as at most only two or three of the river steamers will be able to make the through trip under escort, and with fighting going on, traders will have no option but to stop business.

## RICE FOR CANTON.

According to the local *Tai Kwong Po*, over thirty ships have arrived at Canton with rice since shipment was resumed. Its estimate is that over 100,000 piculs have been shipped and has relieved the stringency up-country.

## DUTCH-INDIAN LOAN DISCOUNT.

Dealings commenced in the Dutch-Indian loan at 1 per cent. discount later it was 1½ per cent. and finished at 1 per cent. discount.

## MIDDLESBOROUGH QUOTATIONS.

Middlesborough Quotations on May 23 were as follows, viz.:—  
No. 1 Cleveland pig 180/-  
No. 3 G.M.B. 129/6 to 124/-  
No. 4 foundry 120/-  
No. 4 forge 115/-  
Mixed Nos. hematite 122/6  
Galvanised corrugated sheets (24 in., in bundles), 219/6s.  
Durham blastfurnace coke 46s. delivered to local customers.  
Best rubio ore, 25s. c.i.f. Tees.

## CARGO INSURANCE MARKET.

China is to be added to Bulgaria as a destination which underwriters are considering with some hesitancy on account of the increased hazard, says a Home commercial paper. Since the war in China the Canton area has been affected by piracy and other forms of lawlessness. Several months ago, it may be recalled, a steamer suffered attack in the Canton delta, and more recently other disturbing occurrences have been reported. Premiums have not yet been advanced, but many underwriters feel that risks to the interior of Bulgaria and to the Canton area of China may necessitate increases.

## STAINLESS STRUCTURAL STEEL.

Considerable importance attaches to researches in progress both in England and America, directed towards finding the most economical process for depositing a coating of high chromium, or "stainless" steel on ordinary structural steels. Many authorities believe that in this direction lies the biggest future for the stainless ferrous material. In addition to its non-corrosibility, stainless steel has many valuable mechanical properties; but for structural work these properties, such as resistance to high temperatures, are not generally called for, and the high chromium material is too costly. But, once a thin layer of stainless steel can be deposited on the commercial structural steel, an enormous field for the material will be opened up, provided the process can be done at a reasonable cost.

If the experiments are successful, the most economical application of the stainless principle will have been achieved, for corrosion gives trouble only at the surface and nothing is gained by confining stainlessness to the interior of metal structures, except, of course, where severe mechanical erosion, or

## OFFICIAL CHANGES.

## NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

An official statement announces that Mr. Harold Thomas Creasy, M. Inst. C.E., A.M.I. Mech. E., who, since 1917 has been Deputy Director of Public Works in Ceylon, has been appointed to the post of Director of Public Works in Hongkong, in succession to Mr. T. L. Perkins, who recently left for home on leave preliminary to retirement. In September, Mr. Creasy, who is 50 years of age, has been in Ceylon since 1897, occupying first the position of district engineer of Colombo. In 1908 he was appointed district engineer of Dandamulla, and in 1909 provincial engineer of the North Central Province. In 1913 he was promoted Assistant Director of Public Works, and filled the acting appointment of Deputy Director for two periods prior to his appointment to the substantive post in March, 1917.

It is not known when Mr. Creasy will arrive, as the news of the appointment has just been received from home. It is possible that he may go home from Ceylon on leave before coming to Hongkong. The salary of the Director of Public Works is £1,250 rising by £50 annually, to £1,500, with \$480 conveyance allowance.

## NEW P. C. M. O.

Dr. J. T. C. Johnson, Principal Civil Medical Officer of Hongkong is retiring next month. The Secretary of State for the Colonies has appointed as his successor Dr. Joseph Bartlett Addison, O. B. E., M. R. C. S., L. R. C. P. Dr. Addison has had considerable service in the Seychelle Archipelago, in the Indian Ocean, (about 700 miles off the coast of British East Africa). He was appointed Assistant Medical Officer in 1907 and became Chief Medical Officer in 1903. In 1912 he acted as Private Secretary and Clerk to the Executive Council. Dr. Addison received his medical training at St. Mary's Hospital, London. It is not known when he will arrive in the Colony.

The salary of the Principal Civil Medical Officer in Hongkong is £1,000 rising by £50 annually to £1,200. Quarters are provided and \$360 a year conveyance allowance.

## HEAVY RAINS.

## COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY BENEFITS.

"Though the rainfall on Sunday and yesterday was what the experts describe as 'local'," said Mr. Henderson, the Water Authority, to a *China Mail* reporter this morning, the locality especially favoured was fortunately Hongkong. The total storage in the reservoirs on the island at 6 a.m. this morning amounted to 622.5 million gallons compared to 498.25 on June 26 last year.

Though the rain of the last few days is bound to have caused washouts and other damage at places where road construction is in hand, no serious landslides have yet been reported to the Head Office.

## OBITUARY.

## E. RUMJAHN.

We regret to record the death, this morning, of Mr. E. Rumjahn at the French Hospital, from typhoid fever, after an illness of two weeks. The deceased, who was only 16½ years of age, was the ninth son of Mr. A. Rumjahn, J.P., and was considered an exceptionally bright boy, having passed the matriculation examination of the Hongkong University with honours. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. and Mrs. Rumjahn who, at the present moment, are in North China.

## CHINESE BOYCOTT CAUSES SUGAR SLUMP.

friction, is continually wearing away the surface.

## HEAVY LOSSES IN JAVA.

According to an *Acta* message, the sugar market is declining heavily. Superior quality declined from 104 to 105. Delivery August, September-October, and June-July nominal 104.

The reason for this important decline in the market is chiefly a sharpened boycott of Japanese people and goods by the Chinese. The Chinese in the Dutch Indies have been compelled to put a complete boycott on Japanese goods after June 18. Chinese who are unwilling to participate will be punished severely.

The Japanese have bought more than half of the 1928 crop. Fearing difficulties with the Chinese dealers owing to the boycott, the Japanese are now trying to sell parts of their sugar, which is depressing the market.

## SERIOUS FRAUD CHARGES.

## LOCAL FLOUR MERCHANT ABSCONDS.

## SUED BY COMPRADORE.

In an *ex-parte* action which came before Mr. Justice Gompertz sitting in original jurisdiction at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, serious charges were made against Oscar Marcel Mayer, the managing partner of Mayer and Co., flour merchants of No. 6, Queen's Road Central. Mr. Elstoy Zsitlyn, who appeared on behalf of the plaintiffs (Lo On and Alfred So Chan) alleged that Mayer had absconded after large sums of money had been obtained by fraud on account of contracts which were never carried out.

The plaintiffs sought the surrender of an indenture of mortgage made between the parties and they asked for the indenture to be destroyed or otherwise cancelled. In the alternative they asked for a declaration that the said indenture is void and of non effect. They further asked for the payment of the sum of \$5,000, for damages and for further other relief. Both Mayer and Co., and Oscar Marcel Mayer were cited as defendants but neither entered an appearance.

Mr. Zsitlyn (who was instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli) in moving for judgment in default of appearance said the writ in this action was served on March 21, on the defendant firm by a copy being served on the person having control of the management of the defendant firm. The defendant, Oscar Marcel Mayer, could not be served as his whereabouts could not be ascertained and a motion was made to effect substituted service in April. No appearance had been entered on behalf of the defendant firm or on behalf of Oscar Marcel Mayer, and under these circumstances, on June 13 an order was made, giving leave to the plaintiffs to proceed with the action *ex-parte* and a statement of claim was filed on June 14. The plaintiffs were Alfred So Chan, of No. 18, School Street, Tai Hang Village, and Lo On, No. 130, Jervois Street. The defendant firm carried on business as flour merchants at No. 6, Queen's Road Central, until about the end of March or the beginning of April this year, and the second defendant (Oscar Marcel Mayer) acted throughout the whole of the period as managing partner. In October, 1922, Alfred So Chan was employed by the defendants as a compradore. As a term of employment the defendant desired the sum of \$25,000 should be deposited with the firm by way of security, \$5,000 being in cash and \$20,000 security by indenture of mortgage on certain property, belonging to Lo On and registered in the Land Office as remaining portion of inland lot 105 C. The \$5,000 was deposited and he (Mr. Zsitlyn) had the receipt. An indenture of mortgage was made in favour of Oscar Marcel Mayer. The firm ceased business about the end of March and Mayer cleared out of the Colony.

Alfred So Chan stated, in evidence, that on the 11th October last year he entered the service of the defendant company as compradore. It was a term of the agreement that \$25,000 should be deposited, \$5,000 in cash and \$20,000 by mortgage upon some household property of Mr. Lo On. The witness produced the receipt for the \$5,000, and the agreement, which provided that his services should be determined by three months' notice. On the 12th March, he received from the defendant company the following letter, signed by A. A. Franco, Secretary: "Dear Mr. Chan, We have to inform you that as our Mr. Oscar Marcel Mayer is leaving the Colony very shortly, we are therefore able to dispense with your services as from the 15th of this month. Trusting you will take this short notice in a friendly way and understand the spirit of this letter, we are, etc." The witness added he had discharged his duties to the defendants in every way. He owed them no money.

The *Puisne Judge*: What has happened to the firm?

Witness: It has ceased business.

Mr. Zsitlyn: The managing partner has absconded owing very considerable sums and having by fraud obtained large sums of money on account of contracts, which now, of course, will never be carried out. Lo On, the second plaintiff, the registered owner of the remaining portion of inland lot No. 105 C, stated that he desired the surrender of the mortgage indenture made in favour of Oscar Marcel Mayer.

Mr. Zsitlyn mentioned that his Lordship would be interested to know that the plaintiffs need not have come into Court at all, as they could have obtained their purpose by a fictitious re-assignment as the other one was not registered. They did not prefer to do that, however, but asked for the declaration so that no innocent party might in any way suffer.

The *Puisne Judge* granted the declaration and gave judgment for \$5,000 with costs.

## ILLEGAL DUES.

## HAMPERING HONGKONG'S TRADE.

## COLONIAL SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

Traders bringing produce into the Colony from Wuchow, as announced in the *China Mail* yesterday, complain that heavy "squeeze" is demanded by robber chiefs and so-called military leaders before a safe conduct is granted them to follow their legitimate calling.

They state that although the steamers have resumed their runs, freights are higher as the result of the demand brought about by the congestion up-country. In addition to this, they have to pay various sums to robber-bands and soldiers while on their way from the farms to the shipping port. There produce is again subjected to what is described as an "export tax" which goes to swell the coffers of the general who happens to be dominant at that place. On an average it costs about \$3 per crate (containing from 30 to 50 head) of poultry for tribute to robber bands en route and another \$4 to the military for export. Each head of cattle is subjected to about \$10 in collections before it can get on a river steamer. All this adds to the price paid by the consumer.

In this connection a representative of the *China Mail* called upon the Colonial Secretary, (Mr. A. G. Fletcher, C. B. E., C. M. G.), to ascertain whether the government could give any help in the matter.

The Colonial Secretary, while showing every sympathy, pointed out that short of "drastic action" little could be done. "Sir James Jamieson, K.C.M.G., British Consul-General at Canton has represented time and again to the Canton authorities that such impositions are a breach of all Treaty stipulations," said Mr. Fletcher.

In reply to the latest British representations, Dr. Sun Yat-sen has expressed his willingness to help, but says at present he is powerless in the matter as regards Wuchow as it is in occupation of the enemy. Complaints have also been lodged through H. B. M. Minister at Peking with the Waichao-pu, but in the present state of chaos in China such action is merely waste of breath and ink.

Asked how long the British Government was likely to suffer these breaches of Treaty rights, the Colonial Secretary smiled and gave a non-committal reply. He again stressed the futility of any government making demands on the Peking and Canton governments in the expectation of obtaining redress, unless the said government was prepared to use a stronger argument than the written or spoken word.

At the present time all British, French and Portuguese boats, it is understood, are making the journey up and down the West River practically under foreign naval escort. This, while ensuring safe transport, does not curb the capacity of the robbers and soldiers. In the meantime, Hongkong consumers must endure inflated prices until the Powers, either individually or generally, decide upon a new China policy to enforce the fulfilment of Treaty stipulations.

## MORE TROUBLE?

## CONGESTION AGAIN THREATENED.

Local business men who have interests along the West River state that fighting has again broken out at various places and that there is a possibility of the river steamer service being again interrupted.

Towards last week-end the pleasing news was given that river steamers of all kinds could make the trip and considerable produce and merchandise was being carried between Hongkong and Wuchow. If the present rumour is confirmed, it will mean that only the "Ko Chow" and the "Tai Ming" probably with one or two others, can make the trip under escort. Transit of goods by boats carrying the Chinese flag will be out of the question and congestion will again set in.

It is to be hoped that if the service must be temporarily suspended, every effort will be made to bring in as much cattle and firewood from Wuchow as possible to maintain a reserve here.

## HONGKONG'S HEALTH.

The figures in the returns for notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ending yesterday are: plague 2, small-pox 10, enteric, 3. There are two British patients suffering from enteric, the other cases are Chinese.

The returns for the week ending June 23 are: plague 14, small-pox 18, enteric 18, paratyphoid 1, meningitis 6, puerperal fever 3. All patients are Chinese except 1 British paratyphoid case and one Indian and one Portuguese with enteric.

Deaths during the period were: plague 12, small-pox 12, enteric 11, and meningitis 3. Two Chinese died from influenza (not notifiable) during the week.

Captain Ronald Amundsen left Kotzebue for Wainwright on April 28, according to a wireless message. The report that the aviator who is accompanying the expedition, M. Omdahl, had died are discredited. Mail carriers found all the members of the party well on April 10.

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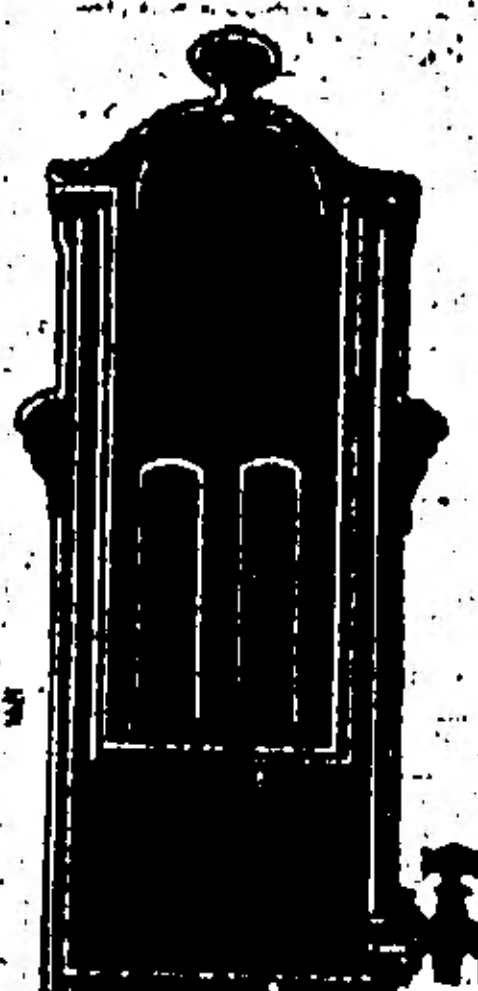
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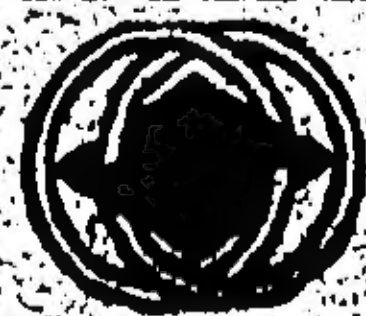
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## EARL'S DAUGHTER.

MARRIAGE TO WIRELESS  
OPERATOR.

A romance that began on the deck of a P. & O. liner during a voyage from Australia had a happy sequel at the Roman Catholic Church at the Lanarkshire mining village of Shotts, when Lady Pleasance Elizabeth Rous, daughter of the Earl of Stradbroke, Governor of Victoria, was married to Mr. Owen McKenna, a P. & O. wireless operator.

Mr. McKenna's home is at Shotts, and for three weeks the bride, who is 24, had lived at an adjoining house. On April 26 she was admitted to the Roman Catholic Church.

Only relatives and friends of the bridegroom were present at the wedding. The bride wore a dress of pink crepe-de-Chine which she had made herself. She was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Nellie McKenna, sister of the bridegroom. The wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mr. McKenna's parents. The honeymoon was spent in Ireland.

Lady Pleasance met Mr. McKenna while on a voyage to Rangoon to visit a friend. When the liner was nearing port she asked Mr. McKenna to sign his name in her autograph book, but as there was not much space left she offered him her passport. It was then that Mr. McKenna learned of her real identity. On reaching Rangoon she sent a cablegram to her parents saying she had become engaged and intended getting married as soon as convenient.

**LADY STRADBROKE'S GIFT.**  
Lord and Lady Stradbroke arrived in London from Australia. Lady Stradbroke asked a reporter who met the train to contradict the suggestion that the wedding had taken place in the face of the objection of herself and Lord Stradbroke.

"We would have been at the wedding had we reached England in time," she said. "I gave my daughter a pearl necklace with a diamond clasp as a wedding present, and we sent a telegram of congratulation from Marseilles."  
"Had the engagement your approval?" Lady Stradbroke was asked.  
"It had my consent—the consent of both of us," she said. "I have not seen my daughter's husband, but he wrote to us. We have known of the engagement for some time."

"I think that this wedding took place rather in a hurry as my daughter's husband had to return to his ship."

## DOCTOR'S DREAM.

MERRIE ENGLAND OF THE  
FUTURE.

A picture of a future hygienic Utopia under an autocratic Ministry of Health was drawn by Dr. J. Walter Carr in the annual oration of the London Medical Society, Chandos-street W. He said:

"We should all be examined and our family history investigated before we were allowed to marry. The first expected child would have to be notified, the prospective mother's health taken charge of by the nearest ante-natal clinic, the birth supervised at the Municipal Maternity Hospital, after which the Infant Clinic or Welfare Centre would see that the child was properly fed."

From the clinic the child would pass into the hands of the School Medical Officer, who would take care that its appendix, tonsils, and other useless organs were removed, after which it would be passed on to the Panel Practitioner.

It might then be found necessary to remove other organs, and, of course, there would be inoculation for everything.

Tooth, as the source of septic conditions, would probably be drawn at an early stage.

Finally, when the working years of life are past, men and women will be transferred to the care of a Special Medical Department of the State, dealing with old people, where, with adequate pensions and amid comfortable and tranquil surroundings, they will await a peaceful ending to life from painless smile decay.

## CORN WORSHIP.

MISSING CIVILISATION  
FOUND.

The ruins of several unknown cities and villages, disclosing an ancient civilisation which existed throughout Central America, have been discovered by Dr. Herbert J. Spinden, of the Peabody Museum of Harvard University, who returned from Yucatan, Honduras, and Guatemala.

The ruins, Dr. Spinden reports, represent the missing link in the chain of old civilisations along the so-called Mosquito Coast. They were inhabited, he thinks, by a hitherto unknown people who antedated the savage tribes found by "Columbus" on his fourth voyage in 1502 along the coast eastward from Truxillo.

He judges them to have been a heavy, sedentary people living in villages surrounded by moats and palisades. One of these villages was encircled by a wall 9,200 ft. by 2,600 ft. and 7 ft. high.

Around the courts of the destroyed houses are numerous small pyramids and quantities of fine tripod pottery with plastic ornaments representing jaguars, crocodiles, serpents, and crouching monkeys.

In other towns he found stone columns inscribed with grotesque faces and altars consisting of three-legged stone tables similar to the corn-grinding stones used in Mexico. Many of these were carved from a single block of hard volcanic rock weighing from 5 to 10 tons. They indicate the existence of a people of corn worshippers.

The ancient cities found by Dr. Spinden were brought to light by cutting down the dense tropical forests covering them for centuries in regions where railways are being constructed or banana plantations laid out.

## WEIRD GODS.

DEITIES WITH FEARSOME  
NAMES.

Mr. Lewis Spence has written a learned and technical book on "The Gods of Mexico" (Fisher Unwin, 30s.) and has had it fully illustrated by reproductions of old carvings, pottery, and pictures.

The subject is an extremely complicated one, but he has managed to disentangle the maze of ramifications in which it has been shrouded. The strange gods of Mexico, whose very names are bewildering, have now been classified and described for the benefit of students. In future we need no longer be frightened when we read of Uitzilcoatl, Tezcatlipoca, Tlalocatl, Ilumatecutli, and many another fearsome name.

Mr. Spence does not deal with the religion of the more ancient Mayas but with that of the Nahuas, whose power was at its height when the Spaniards invaded Mexico. These Nahuas came to the country about the eighth century, but it was not until about 1870 that a branch of them, the Aztecs, settled in the valley where Mexico City now stands.

The origin of human sacrifices, one of the most terrible things in the religion of the old Mexicans, is thus described:

Deeply rooted in the Mexican mind was the idea that unless the gods were abundantly refreshed with human blood they would perish of hunger and old age and would be unable to undertake their hypothetical labours in connection with the growth of the crops.

Whence came this idea? Undoubtedly from that process of barbaric reasoning through which Mexican man had convinced himself that the amount of rainfall would be in ratio to the amount of blood shed sacrificially.

This book for experts throws a vivid light upon the obscure and gruesome deities of ancient Mexico.

## Bowel Complaint in Children.

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## "KOWLOON GAMING."

MR. STANTON ANSWERS  
CRITICISM.

Mr. C. A. Stanton, proprietor of Stanton's Midway Shows, has made the following statement:—

A letter has appeared in the local papers over the cowardly nom de plume "Querist" asking for information. Gladly will I supply the information, with the permission of the ass of your valuable correspondence column. This being granted, I will promise you faithfully, that I will not trespass on your valuable space any more, as I think the information which follows will be quite enough for "Querist" or any other cowardly or contemptible "Kicker" or would-be conductor of a gambling casino, of which I have reliable information they are desirous of obtaining a licence for.

"Querist" asks: "Is it a fact that public gaming has been going on in Kowloon for the past fortnight, and is intended to continue for another month?"

As the proprietor of the amusement enterprises which is hurting "Querist" and his following so much, I have much pleasure in stating that, no gambling is being conducted on my premises, as all games are games of skill and nothing in the nature of a lottery or a game of chance, or a roulette wheel, such as my information tells me poor "Querist" applied for and was refused. Further, all my games are patented and copyrighted as games of skill and consequently are legal throughout the British Empire. As to my stopping another month, that rests with me whether I stop another month or a year, and accordingly as it suits me so will I act.

Questions Nos. 2 and 3 we will pass over as the ravings of a wower (the definition of a wower, by the way, is—a dog barking at the moon for being so bright on a cold frosty night when he was so cold and dull).

Question No. 4 is not aimed at me, but I can furnish an answer. A prosecution was certainly conducted in Rangoon, but was not instigated by the police, but, on the other hand, was instigated by myself and my manager, Mr. Fred W. Howard, to determine whether these games were legal or otherwise in Burma. A copy of the Rangoon Times which accompanies this letter, Mr. Editor, will verify my statement. Further, a second copy of the same paper, issued the day following, will explain the facts of the case, which resulted in it being thrown out of court.

Question No. 5 is a huge joke and would not be worthy of comment if it were not for the fact that I want to point out that "Querist" is an object fool and does not stop to consider facts. At the rate of \$3,000 daily profit, it would amount to \$90,000 monthly. Did the stupid "wower" think of this when he made that wide computation? How long would I have to continue to become a rich man?

Questions 6, 7 and 8 are not worthy of comment.

Question No. 9 is answered by my reply to No. 1.

Question No. 10. If "Querist" can produce the soldier who lost \$100 in the whole time we have been here, let alone "in one bet," I will forfeit \$1,000 to charity.

Question No. 11. "Is it a fact that a dart thrower who is a marksman is not allowed to continue throwing at 'gold, silver, copper'?"

It is a fact, "Querist," for the very simple reason that every competitor must take his turn and I must take advantage of this opportunity to thank you for the compliment of proving that our games are run strictly to the letter of the law, and that you obviously do not know the difference between games of chance and games of skill.

Question No. 12 I consider an absolute impertinence and is worthy of further investigation by the proper authorities as to who "Querist" really is, casting, as he does, an imputation, which, on reflection, amounts to one of two charges, either collusion or negligence.

In conclusion I will challenge "Querist" to come out in the open, lay his cards on the table and abide by public opinion. The verdict would be that it is not the welfare of the community that prompted his vituperative raving, but a selfish and ulterior motive, and I state right here and now, whether he be "Querist," Biocopist or Roulletist, that if he slings any more mud at me through the Press I will retaliate in quite a different way, and as I have given my word to you, Mr. Editor, at the beginning of this letter, I will not ask for space to reply as I do not think they are worthy of reply.

Rated occupiers in New Bond-street and Old Bond-street, W., are to be asked for their observations on the suggested changing of the name to Bond-street, and similar suggestion is to be taken in regard to the suggested change of Lower Regent-street to Waterloo-place.

## BETTING HABIT.

REGULATION BETTER THAN  
REPRESSION.

At the public sitting at the House of Commons of the Select Committee to consider the proposal to tax betting, evidence was given by Mr. F. Caldwell, chief constable of Liverpool.

He said that the present betting law was difficult to enforce, owing to its inconsistency, of which the practical result was one law for the well-to-do who could bet on credit, and another for the poorer classes who could only indulge in ready-money betting. The law was unpopular, and, in contrast to offences against other laws, in betting cases the police received very little information or assistance from the public.

Methods of evasion of the law were now so numerous that there were few persons who wished to make a bet who could not find the means of doing so without incurring much risk.

If bookmakers were licensed and allowed to conduct ready-money betting at registered addresses, approved of by local authorities, he thought there would be very little, if any, increase in betting.

In answer to the chairman, Mr. H. S. Cautley, K.C., Mr. Caldwell said illegal betting was more prevalent among the poorer classes because it took place in the streets. A number of small shopkeepers were agents for bookmakers.

Is your experience similar to that of other police officers, that the bookmaker is very honest in his business?—Yes, I should say that, taken on the whole, he is exceedingly honest.

You find that, in spite of the police, betting is constantly increasing?—Yes; my opinion is that betting is about double what it was in 1918.

Liverpool spent about £8,000 a year in the enforcement of the betting laws. He knew of a case of a milkman with a large round who was actually a bookmaker and did well.

Mr. Caldwell said he thought the bookmaker would be the friend of the police if betting was permitted.

## EFFECT OF THE WAR.

His views were those of a conference of 20 chief constables of the northern area of England. They were of opinion that bookmakers should be licensed, and betting should only take place at registered and approved addresses. It should be illegal to bet on football grounds. As the law stood betting was permitted on racetracks but not on football grounds.

In reply to Sir Bédoué Rees, Mr. Caldwell said "tips" in the newspapers encourage betting.

Do you suggest that the law should be altered to make tipping illegal?—As a deterrent to betting, yes.

Mr. Caldwell said that the war was a great cause of betting. It had given people a craving for excitement, which found expression in all kinds of sport. Some even betted on the "dole."

He admitted that if betting was legalized on big race days, there might be queues of men and women bookmakers outside licensed betting houses.

## BETTING BY WOMEN.

The Hon. Trevor Bigham, Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said a striking development of late years had been the increase of betting among women, who not only resorted to the bookmaker or his agent themselves but employed their children as messengers. The children thereby became thoroughly familiarised with the system, and it was nothing to find young boys actually employed in the business.

The amount of money which appeared to be available for betting, even in the poorest districts, was remarkable. London was so riddled with street betting that to deal with it effectively would require a very much larger number of police than was available or could be made available without prohibitive expenditure.

The law was antiquated, obscure, illogical, ineffective, and fell unevenly upon different classes of the community. The police felt that in attempting to enforce the existing law they were faced with an impossible task.

Even if the repressive laws were enacted in a clear and more drastic form it seemed almost certain, having regard to the strength and extent of the taste for betting, that some means of evasion on a large scale would always be found. Therefore it was a question for serious consideration whether it would not be better that the law should be directed rather to its regulation than its repression.

Mr. Cautley asked witness if he was aware that at an hotel very near the House of Commons a bookmaker's agent called every morning for the wagers?

Mr. Trevor Bigham said he did not know of the specific case, but it was likely to be typical. He had heard of a bookmaker's agent who called regularly for bets at a luncheon sitting.

## KINEMA NOTES.

"TWIN BEDS" AT THE  
CORONET.

In transferring the popular farce comedy success, "Twin Beds," from the stage to the screen, Mr. and Mrs. Carter de Haven have produced a truly refreshing and hilariously funny picture. The film interprets the abounding humour of the piece more satisfactorily even than the stage play, possibly by reason of its ability to follow the action more closely. "Twin Beds," which commenced at the Theatre Royal some years ago, Mr. de Haven, in the character of Signor Monchi, has a role admirably suited to his talents, and Mrs. de Haven, as the innocent Mrs. Hawkins, is responsible for some very clever acting in her precarious position.

## "THE FOUR HORSEMEN."

Residents who were not able to see the fine masterpiece, "The Four Horsemen," when it was shown at the Coronet recently will be glad to hear that they will have one more opportunity of seeing this wonderful picture. In response to numerous requests it has been decided to screen "The Four Horsemen" again. It will be shown at the Coronet, for one day only, on Friday. The full orchestra will play special music during the picture.

## "NO WOMAN KNOWS."

The attraction at the Star Theatre is the big human picture, "No Woman Knows," Mabel Julianne Scott, supported by a splendid cast, gives a wonderful interpretation of "Fanny Herself," the chief character in the book of the same name, from which the film has been adapted. What makes so wide an appeal in "No Woman Knows" is its truthfulness to life. The authoress, Edna Ferber, knows her characters, and she knows the small town in which she has placed them. "No Woman Knows" is a picture of more than usual interest.

## WORLD-THEATRE.

The power of imagination is brought out in the theme of "The Lavender Bath Lady," the Universal attraction at the World Theatre. Gladys Walton is starred in the role of a shop-girl who realizes on all her dreams, proving her versatility by adding a new type character to her record of screen appearances. High life on Fifth Avenue, grudge in a shop and fairytale adventures in a great country estate, are the experiences of this working girl heroine. It is a story that will appeal to all classes, mirroring as it does the universal longing for the better things of life. It's a day dream that comes true.

## LYNCHING HORROR.

50 MOTOR-CARS AT NEGRO'S  
MURDER.

The city of Columbia, Missouri, was the scene of a lynching which was watched by huge crowds, including many students of the university, who cheered loudly as a Negro, James T. Scott, was hanged from a railway bridge.

The Negro was identified by Regina Altmsted, the 14-years-old daughter of one of the university professors, as a man who tried to attack her near the railway bridge. Scott had been employed as a janitor at the university.

Shortly before midnight 30 men and youths, brandishing ropes and pistols, stormed the local jail. In a few minutes a vast crowd, consisting of students and others, including many girls, gathered, vociferously applauding the efforts of the lynchers, who broke open the outer door of the prison and applied acetylene torch to the door of the cell where Scott was confined.

The mob dragged the Negro into the street and thousands formed a procession in which were about 50 motor-cars filled with women. Students were heard exclaiming: "The same old moon shines down on you." Professor Altmsted appealed to the mob not to interfere with the course of justice, but was howled down and threatened with violence.

## CRIMES OF OBSESSION.

Scott, bareheaded, with his clothes torn, shouted continuously that he was innocent. His pleas were answered with cries of derision. A youth holding a noose round the Negro's neck was thrust aside by a man, who then pushed Scott from the bridge and the frantic crowd of the mob and the procession of the students. The president of the University of Missouri issued a statement declaring that none of the students participated in the lynching.

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## DO ANIMALS TALK?

AMERICAN SCIENTISTS'  
OPINIONS.

"Do animals talk?"

This very interesting question is discussed by Dr. A. L. Benedict of Buffalo, N.Y., in the Journal of the American Medical Association, reports the New York World.

Dogs to a high degree and, to a less degree, cats, horses, cattle, sheep, elephants, and probably other animals associated with man understand a good many words," writes Dr. Benedict.

"One of the best evidences of understanding on the part of animals is the failure to understand under different circumstances. For instance, sheep habituated to the call 'Co-nan' do not respond to 'Co-day,' and vice versa.

"In Strasbourg my wife called a dog 'chien' without getting a response, but he responded immediately to 'hund,' in English, which is richer in pet names for animals, a dog may not respond to the word dog, but will to some familiar vocative. My dog, for instance, looks for another dog on hearing the word, probably for the same reason that most of us on hearing the word man called out would take it as referring to some one else. Even animals of comparatively low intelligence respond to words of command—in the language to which they have been trained. Just how much dogs understand of ordinary conversation is sub judice.

A TALKING DOG.

Recently a good many items have appeared with reference to imitation of human speech by dogs. While my own dog says 'out' fairly distinctly, when he wants to get out, it seems to me that all these reports are fallacious. Certain sounds emitted by dogs resemble words in the language of man, but it is improbable that they are really trying to pronounce words, even after learning that a certain sound gets them something. A recent assertion of a dog begging for 'just a crumb' is probably no more significant than the fact that a cat often goes about saying 'not now'—the difference is

that the former happens to make sense and the latter not.

"Another example was the monkey that Prof. Garner tried to teach to speak. He got it to say 'ou' (French for fire) quite intelligently when a match was lighted. On being asked why he did not teach it the English word he merely smiled. A diagram may be superfluous, but all there was to it was that the monkey enjoyed blowing out the flame.

## PARROT LANGUAGE.

"It is a curious fact that the only animals that have been taught to speak at all fluently have been parrots and a few other birds whose speech-organs are so much more different from the human organs than those of mammals. Very contradictory statements are made as to whether parrots, magpies, and blackbirds speak with any comprehension.

"Professor Garner's study of the speech of animals really deserves more consideration than it has received. He was quite conservative, estimating the maximum vocabulary of monkeys at about thirty words, a word in this sense being a definite cry, usually common to all members of a species, wherever found, and indicating some emotion, not a concept, as in the case of human language.

"Unless better evidence is presented that parrots do use words understandingly—and that the occasional utterance of such words as out, damn, come on, and just a crumb by more or less trained dogs is really limited to the expression of a definite idea, I think it may be said that the more intelligent lower animals have word perception to a considerable degree, but are absolutely lacking in word expression. It should also be questioned whether word perception is strictly so, or whether there is simply an association of certain sounds (perhaps including several words) with certain ideas.

"The fact that dogs have a relatively large perceptive vocabulary of proper names as compared with common nouns, verbs, or adjectives suggests that there is merely an association of a sound complex with some object or action. I know one dog that recognized at least fifty persons by name, some times by one name, each, sometimes by the various relationship terms that would be used in a family, but this dog was exceptionally intelligent, and remember at least two years, and apparently got the sense of conversation with out reference to intonation."









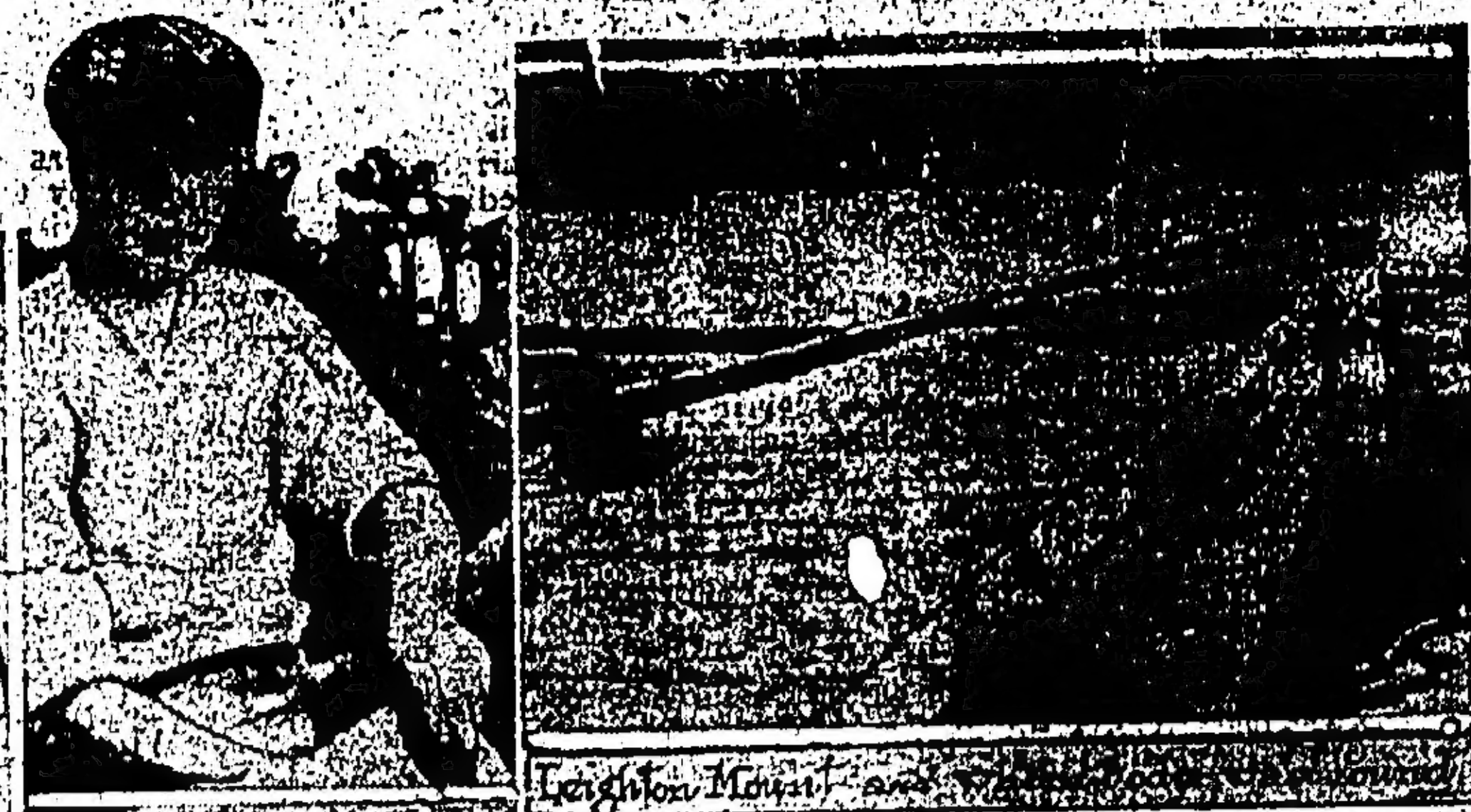
E. F. W. Alexanderson and Verner

Verner ("Dodd") Alexanderson, the six-year-old son of E. F. W. Alexanderson who was kidnapped from his home by men who promised him a pair of rabbits, was later discovered in an isolated cottage and restored to his parents. Mrs. H. D. Grinnell, 68 who had charge of the boy, was arrested, and the police began a search for Harry and Collins Fairbanks, and Stanley Crandell, the actual kidnapers; after arresting their wives Mrs. Grinnell is the Grand-mother of Mrs. Fairbanks, whose husband was the ringleader of the kidnaping plot.



Duke of York's Wedding

Here is a picture of the actual wedding of the Duke of York to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon in Westminster Abbey. The King and Queen and other members of the royal family are grouped at the right of the picture.



The body of Leighton Mount, a University student who disappeared during the class rush in 1921 has been found under a breakwater on the shore of Evanston, Indiana. The body was covered with rocks, and the police assert acid had been thrown over it to prevent identification. He had evidently been tied with rope similar to those used by the students in their hazing. The police assert he died as a result of the hazing and that the students hid his body to escape punishment.



This immense new rifle, just tested, is hauled on a motor truck that moves it along with speed and put can it into action in a few minutes. It is one of the largest auto truck guns in the world.

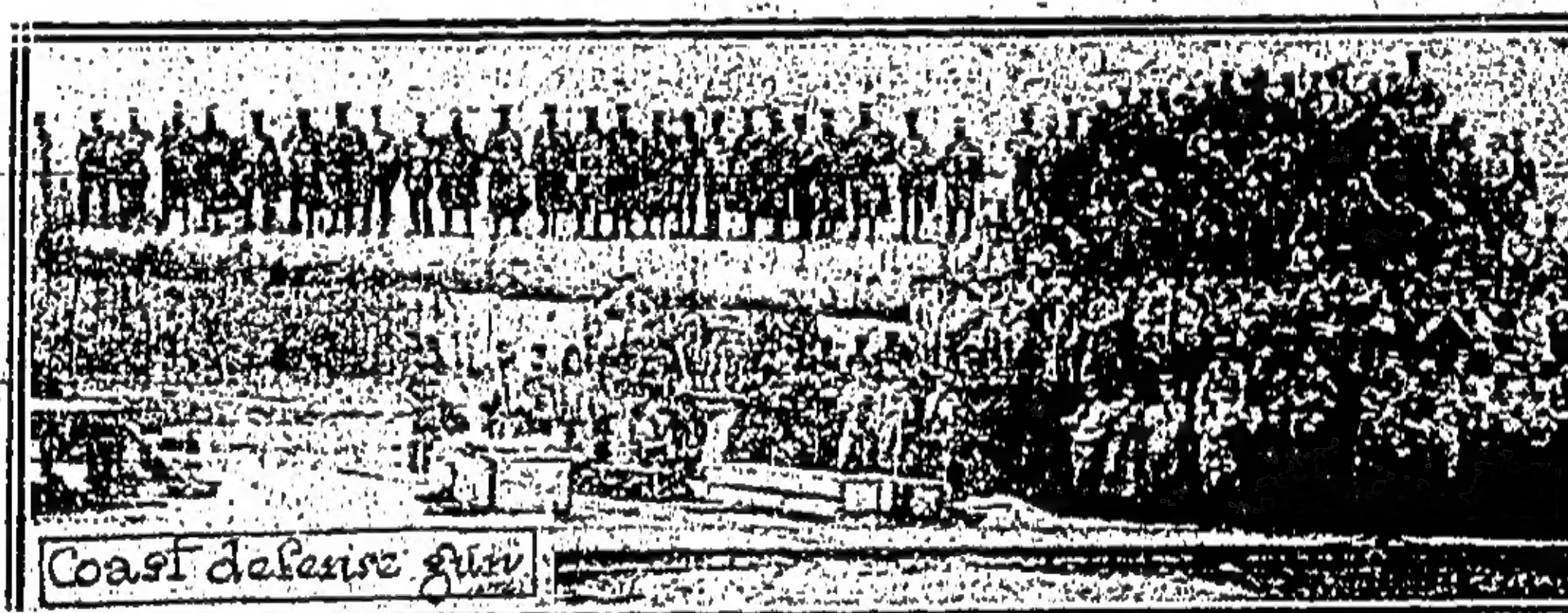


Miss A. W. Goodrich

Miss Annie W. Goodrich, has been appointed Dean of the new School of Nursing at Yale University. She is now Assistant Professor of Nursing at Teachers College, Columbia University, and Director of Nurses at the famous Henry Street Settlement. Her work in the war won her the Distinguished Service Medal. She has been described as the "outstanding figure in nursing education in America to-day."



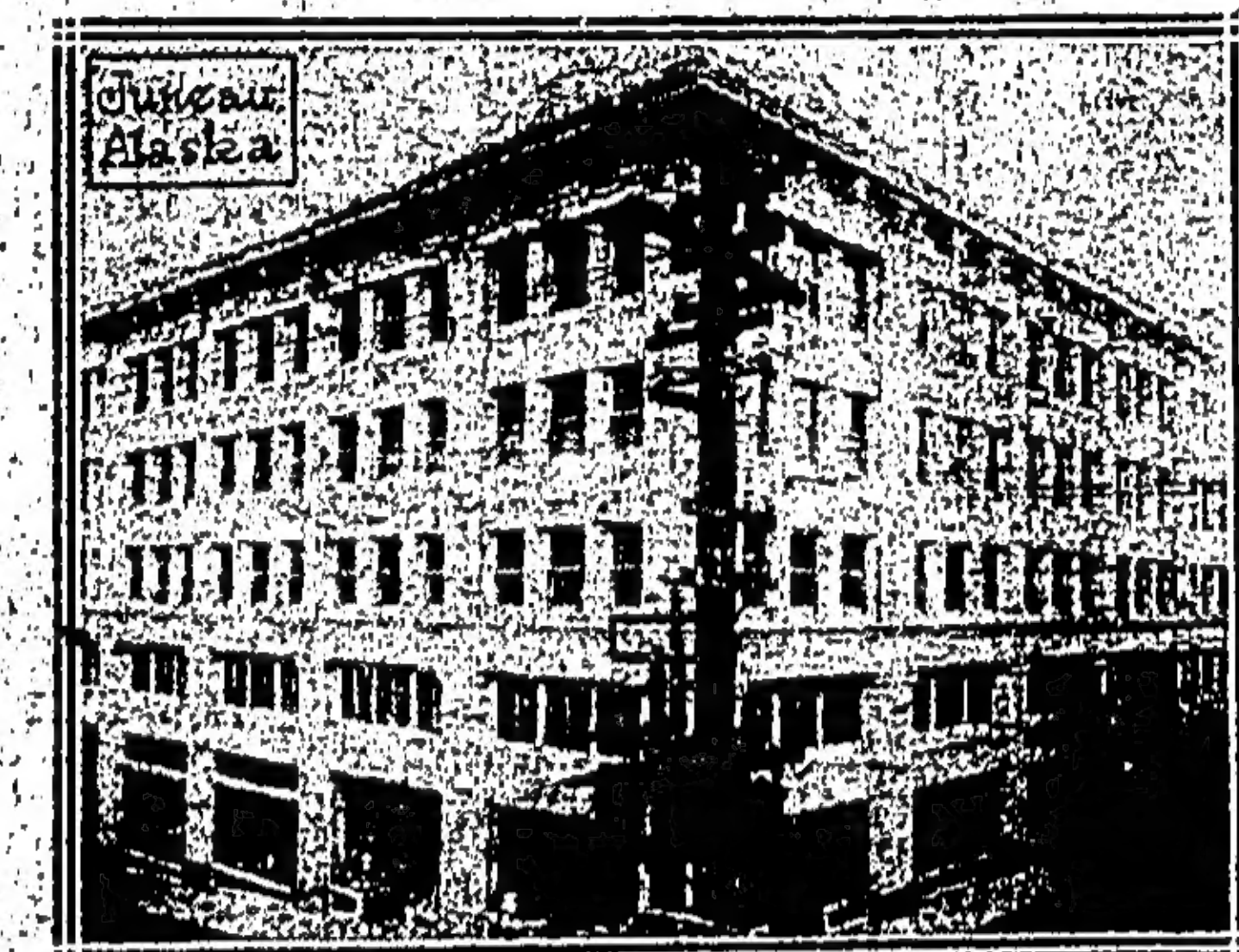
Miss Katherine Strauss, was the May Queen at the annual May Day exercises of her college. She is president of the senior class.



The First Class at the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York, more than 250 strong, visited the Aberdeen (Maryland) proving grounds recently to inspect the latest types of field pieces and coast defence guns. The cadets are shown on one of the huge coast defence rifles being made for a Western harbour fortress.



To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the war with Spain members of the United Spanish War Veterans went to Canton, Ohio, and placed wreaths on the tomb of President McKinley their Commander-in Chief in the war, and on the base of the coming tower of the old U. S. S. "Maine," the sinking of which, in Havana Harbour, brought on the war.



This is not Fifth avenue, New York, nor the Rue de la Paix, Paris. It is a scene in Juneau, Alaska, which boasts a modern department store that rivals any in the world. And still they talk of "the frozen North" and the "great open spaces."



Miss Hilario de Castro, a Filipino librarian, of Manila, is shown running an up-to-the-minute farm tractor to help introduce modern agricultural methods in her native land.

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